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**STATE INSTITUTION FOR
FEEBLE-MINDED**
OF
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA



POLK, VENANGO COUNTY

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FAIRY DANCE

OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<i>W. T. Bradberry, President</i>	Pittsburgh
<i>Marshall Phipps, Secretary</i>	Franklin
<i>O. D. Bleakley, Treasurer</i>	Franklin
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CHAPLAINS

<i>Rev. Thomas B. Downey, Roman Catholic</i>	Franklin
<i>Rev. David D. Sleppy, Protestant</i>	Polk
<i>Rev. George W. Applegate, Protestant</i>	Polk

RESIDENT OFFICERS

<i>J. M. Murdoch, M. D.</i>	Physician and Superintendent
<i>B. A. Black, M. D.</i>	Ass't Physician and Superintendent
<i>Henry B. Gaynor, M. D.</i>	Assistant Physician
<i>Walter R. Livingston, M. D.</i>	Assistant Physician
<i>Miss Cecelia Conrad</i>	Secretary to Superintendent
<i>Miss Pearl Hockman</i>	Bookkeeper
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<i>B. C. Weikal</i>	Assistant Steward
<i>Miss Mary L. Roerig</i>	Matron
<i>Miss Etta Shoff</i>	"Lakeside" Matron
<i>Miss Cora S. Jameson</i>	"Gardenside" Matron
<i>Mrs. Maude Fell</i>	"Hospital" Matron
<i>Miss Helen M. Nye</i>	"The Terrace" Matron
<i>Miss Hazel Stafford</i>	Housekeeper
<i>Miss Luella M. Smock</i>	Office Assistant
<i>Miss Callie Harvey</i>	Supervisor
<i>George Bexfield</i>	Supervisor
<i>George B. Hays</i>	Engineer
<i>H. C. Ewalt</i>	Farmer

DENTIST

<i>A. Kolb, D. D. S.</i>	Franklin
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TEACHERS

PRINCIPAL

Miss May Bruce

MUSIC TEACHERS

William T. Sutley

Mrs. W. Bertha G. Jackson

KINDERGARTEN

Miss Jane Snyder

Miss Charlotte Spence

Miss Frances Steinbach

PRIMARY

Miss Jennie Bartholomew

Miss Jessie Enoch

Miss Della Kaltenbaugh

Miss Mary E. Chulow

ADVANCED

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Miss Katharine M. Morris

MANUAL TRAINING

Charles Weinard

Mrs. Ida M. Webb

GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL

Miss Ida C. Thompson

Miss Nora Rose

Miss Roberta M. McCartney

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Miss Florence Marshfield

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To His Excellency the Governor, the Legislature and the Department of Public Welfare of the State of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen—The Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania have the honor to present their biennial report for the two years ended May 31, 1922.

Twenty-five years have passed since the doors of this institution were opened for the reception of inmates. In all 5345 have been admitted. Of this number 1571 have been returned to their homes greatly improved, the majority of whom are now usefully employed in shops and on the farm and in the home, faithfully filling their places in life as well as many men and women more fully endowed by nature. We have 2058 remaining with us, of whom 1498 are unsuited for life outside of the institution, and 560 still in course of training.

Many delegates from other lands and states, interested in the care of mental defectives, have visited us to study our methods of training and treatment and methods of conducting the institution.

Notwithstanding the large number of trained people necessary for the instruction and treatment of the manifold forms of mental defect found in our inmates requiring both hospital and school, and the large number of extremely helpless ones who require much personal attention, the assistance given by trained inmates has made it possible to maintain the institution, including keeping the property in repair, the maintenance of hospital and school, the furnishing of food and clothing and the payment of salaries and wages of all officers and employees at a per capita cost which, to the best of our knowledge, is the lowest of any institution, hospital or school in the Commonwealth.

Regular monthly meetings have been held and many visits and inspections made by individual members and committees of the Board aside from the regular meetings.

We are pleased to be able to report that aside from being over-taxed by a greater number of inmates than

can be comfortably accommodated, all departments are in good order, and a general air of activity, cheerfulness and comfort pervades the institution.

We feel that we can point with pardonable pride to the continuance of the high standard of excellence in the care, training and treatment of mental defectives which this institution has maintained since its inception.

In order that this standard of excellence may be maintained and that the institution may extend its facilities to all mental defectives in need of institutional training and treatment within its allotted district, we ask your aid in bringing about an increase in the capacity of our institution. The activities of the institution are much interfered with by the greatly over-crowded condition, necessitating the placing of beds in every available space, even in the school and industrial buildings.

The living quarters for the attendants are very inadequate, increasing the difficulty of securing and holding suitable men and women for these very important positions.

This over-crowded condition of our institution is necessitating the care of mental defectives in institutions not designed for them and in which they cannot receive proper training and in which they are being maintained at greater expense than what it would cost for their maintenance here had we the room to admit them into our institution. Many are being held in homes for dependent children, in State Hospitals for Mental Disease and other institutions, waiting to be transferred here when we have capacity to admit them.

We have applications on file for the admission of 355 mentally defective children in need of training which they cannot receive in the public schools.

The necessary additions to the institution, together with a more detailed account of the institution affairs, may be found in the Superintendent's report, which is herewith submitted and made a part of this report.

By the death of Marvin F. Scaife, January 12, 1921, the Board of Trustees lost an honored associate and the



WOOD WORKING CLASS

institution an honored and devoted friend. Mr. Scaife had been a member of the Board of Trustees and its Secretary since 1910. The position thus made vacant was filled by the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Blair, April 26, 1921.

We are pleased to record our appreciation of the loyal, devoted service of the officers and employees of the institution.

In concluding this report we desire to express our appreciation of the kind consideration received from your Excellency the Governor, the Auditor General, the State Board of Charities, the Commissioner and the Members of the Commission of Public Welfare and the several branches of the State Government with whom we have been brought in contact. We were especially pleased with the visit we received from Governor William C. Sproul and the very great interest he manifested in the welfare of our inmates and in the affairs of the institution. It is our most earnest desire that these cordial relations may continue and that under your administration we may be able to provide for those in need of the special training and treatment given here in a manner creditable to the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. BRADBERRY,
MARSHALL PHIPPS,
O. D. BLEAKLEY,
Q. A. GORDON,
J. N. DAVIDSON,
F. H. COURSIN,
A. R. SMART,
JOHN A. WILSON,
THOS. J. BLAIR,

Trustees.

IN MEMORIAM

HONORABLE MARVIN F. SCAIFE, for ten years a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania, and for ten years its Secretary, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1855, and died in Cocanut Grove, near Miami, Florida, January 12, 1921.

He was the son of William B. Scaife and Mary Frisbee Scaife, who were also born in Pittsburgh. In 1904 he married Miss Jennie Boyle, of Pittsburgh, who survives him.

His school mates in the public schools of his native city testify to his bright, genial and helpful disposition, and his talent for making friends, suggesting the inheritance of social traits from his maternal French Huguenot ancestors. Preferring active life to study, after graduating from High School, he entered his father's iron works in Pittsburgh and remained there for many years, until failing health led him to travel in various parts of Europe and the United States. Spending a considerable time in France and Italy, he became a lover of the fine arts, which led, in recent years, to his active connection with the American Federation of Arts, The Art Society of Pittsburgh and many public art movements. His visits to Italy and North Carolina resulted in the foundation a quarter of a century ago of a community of Italians Waldensians at Waldese, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina, where he had obtained a large tract of mountain land about seventy miles from Ashville. With his assistance, these sturdy colonists, in spite of poverty and numberless hardships, have established a successful manufacturing and agricultural settlement, destined to exert a beneficial influence on the State and Nation. He was a Director of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and one of its active House Committee, and the County Chairman of the Pennsylvania Society of New York and closely identified with many public welfare movements, among them our institution at Polk. But recently failing health com-

pelled him, reluctantly, to give up these activities and seek to recover his health in the South.

Mr. Scaife was first appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania at Polk by Governor Edwin G. Stuart, in 1910, and was re-appointed by each succeeding Governor. Soon after his appointment to the Board, he was elected to the position of Secretary of the Board. It was in the capacity of member of our Board of Trustees that we knew him best and learned to appreciate his sterling qualities. His remarkable enthusiasm and buoyancy gave no sign of the sleepless nights and physical suffering only known to his medical advisor. His presence always brought to our meetings cheer and good fellowship, which radiated throughout the institution. His knowledge of art and the artistic was most helpful and encouraging to the teachers of arts and crafts, and his enthusiastic praise of some article made in the school or work shop brought happiness to the maker and encouragement to all.

We will miss Mr. Scaife's counsel and genial presence at our meetings. His death deprives our institution of a valued Trustee and a beloved friend. We tender to his bereaved wife our sincere sympathy and direct that a copy of this memorial be communicated to her, and recorded in our minutes.

Signed,

F. H. COURSIN,

A. R. SMART,

J. M. MURDOCH,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1921.

MAINTENANCE

Receipts—

Balance in the Treasury June 1, 1920	\$ 33,009.30
Balance with the Superintendent June 1, 1920	2,049.91
From Commonwealth (account maintenance)	505,503.79
From clothing furnished pupils	47,589.17
From pay and part pay pupils	14,174.95
From farm produce	3,308.47
From all other sources	9,154.38
	<u>\$614,789.97</u>

Expenditures—

Warrants paid during year	\$583,691.16
Cash with Superintendent June 1, 1921	2,831.63
Cash with Treasurer June 1, 1921	39,267.18
	<u>\$614,789.97</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Power House Equipment—

Receipts	\$ 14,511.70
Warrants paid	14,511.70

Dairy Barn—

Receipts	\$ 31.90
Warrants paid	31.90

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1922.

MAINTENANCE

Receipts—

Balance in Treasury June 1, 1921	\$ 39,267.18
Balance with Superintendent June 1, 1921	2,831.63
From Commonwealth (account maintenance)	458,291.10
From clothing furnished pupils	47,112.71
From pay and part pay pupils	15,818.60
From farm produce	4,286.45
From all other sources	6,660.15
	<u>\$574,267.82</u>

Expenditures—

Warrants paid during year	\$552,037.54
Cash with Superintendent June 1, 1922	1,733.05
Cash with Treasurer June 1, 1922	20,497.23
	<u>\$574,267.82</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Power House Equipment—	
Receipts	\$ 14,637.02
Warrants paid	14,637.02
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Dairy Barn (1919 App.)—	
Receipts	\$ 383.90
Warrants paid	383.90
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Dairy Barn (1921 App.)—	
Receipts	\$ 494.03
Warrants paid	494.03
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Electric Light and Power Equipment—	
Receipts	\$ 5,918.24
Warrants paid	5,918.24
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Hot Water Supply System—	
Receipts	\$ 7,080.55
Warrants paid	7,080.55
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ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES

The Following is an Analysis of Expenditures on Account
of Maintenance.

	1920-1921	1921-1922
Wages	\$158,507.59	\$174,160.21
Salaries	42,133.21	46,481.80
Subsistence	157,218.27	114,924.92
Farm	63,976.18	37,231.82
Fuel and Lights	92,527.77	62,261.80
Conveyance	1,963.38	2,001.42
Repairs and Improvements	21,908.35	21,169.69
Furniture, Beds and Bedding, etc.	21,831.56	15,153.58
School Supplies	3,868.71	3,865.33
Clothing	42,083.97	28,191.44
Medical Supplies	2,976.51	3,132.33
Trustees' Expenses	135.77	123.49
Other Expenses	27,395.81	30,728.46
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	\$636,527.08	\$539,426.29
Daily average attendance for 12 months ended May 31, 1921.....	1994	
Per capita cost for the year ended May 31, 1921	319.727	
Average weekly per capita cost	6.1366	
Daily average attendance for 12 months ended May 31, 1922	2014	
Per capita cost for the year ended May 31, 1922	267.743	
Average weekly per capita cost	5.1485	

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. BLEAKLEY,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

TO THE TRUSTEES of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen—I submit the following report for the two years ended May 31, 1922:

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

Year Ended May 31, 1921—	Boys	Girls	Total
Enrolled at beginning of year	971	1029	2000
In Institution at beginning of year	933	1015	1948
Away from Institution at beginning of year	38	14	52
Admitted during year	153	118	271
Cared for during year	1124	1147	2271
Discharged—Improved	94	76	170
Discharged—Unimproved	20	8	28
Died	32	41	73
Away from Institution at end of year	5	0	5
In Institution at end of year	973	1022	1995
Enrolled at end of year	978	1022	2000

Year Ended May 31, 1922—	Boys	Girls	Total
Enrolled at beginning of year	978	1022	2000
In Institution at beginning of year	973	1022	1995
Away from Institution at beginning of year	5	0	5
Admitted during year	127	100	227
Cared for during year	1105	1122	2227
Discharged—Improved	35	33	68
Discharged—Unimproved	14	11	25
Died	44	32	76
Away from Institution at end of year	7	11	18
In Institution at end of year	1005	1035	2040
Enrolled at end of year	1012	1046	2058

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION

May 31, 1922

	Present			Rated Capacity		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Boys' Cottages	559		559	400		400
Girls' Cottages	92	381	473		400	400
Lakeside	288		288	250		250
Gardenside	7	269	276		250	250
The Terrace		344	344		330	330
Infirmery	59	41	100	40	40	80
On Parole	7	11	18			
Total	1012	1046	2058	690	1020	1710
On waiting list	309	46	355			

During the two years covered by this report the general health of those entrusted to our care has been remarkably good. We have been free from serious accident or contagious disease. I would especially call your attention



AN INDUSTRIAL CLASS

to the fact that of the 291 who were discharged, 238 were improved and were either returned to their families or placed in good homes. With few exceptions they have proved to be industrious, honest and reliable, in the home, the shop and the field, and are doing their part in the industrial life of the community in which they live. There were 631 applications filed. The 498 most urgent cases were admitted with due reference to the claims of all.

Although we only have suitable accommodations for 1710 inmates, at the close of the period we have 2040 actually present, 18 home on visit or trial and applications on file for the admission of 355, of whom 309 are boys in dire need of special care, training and treatment.

An institution such as ours, caring for 2000 inmates, is comparable to a small village. Indeed, our population is greater than that of many of the County seats in the district in which we are situated. We have all the needs of a small community—school, church, shops, industries, hospital, places for recreation and amusement, power plant, water works and sewage disposal plant. If well conducted, a large institution should be a town humming with activities, with work and play for all.

Those who come to us present many varied problems according to degree of intelligence and physical condition, peculiarities of character, disposition and temperament. No two are alike. Our problem is to develop each one to the extent of his ability and to make all as comfortable as is possible with the means at our disposal.

When the institution becomes crowded beyond its normal capacity this problem becomes increasingly difficult. Fortunately we are provided by nature with wonderful advantages, beautifully situated on an arable tract of well drained land, surrounded by the beautiful wooded hills of Venango County, with an abundance of good water and ample room to work and play. We have a splendid group of buildings and with little additional construction and equipment could care for a much larger number than are now here. We have ample acreage, water, schools, shops, storage capacity, a central electric power and heating plant which could easily be enlarged to accommodate

a population of 2500. What we most need is additional housing capacity, to relieve the over-crowded condition of our cottages and that we may no longer be compelled to refuse the pleadings of over-burdened parents and social agencies to receive boys and girls who can no longer be cared for at home and who on account of mental defect are in need of the special training and treatment which we would be prepared to give if we had sufficient living quarters to care for a larger number.

IMPROVEMENTS Made Through the Period Covered by this Report.

We have acquired 380 additional acres of farm land, giving us a total of 2014 acres. Of the land recently acquired 200 acres are cleared, and with a little attention in the way of drainage is ready for the plow.

An excellent central hot water supply system, with storage tanks and circulating pumps, which furnishes hot water to all our buildings, has been installed in the power house, the water being heated with exhaust steam.

The electric wiring and equipment throughout the institution has been brought up to date to conform to the electrical regulations of the Department of Public Grounds and Buildings.

A combination chemical and hose motor car has been added to our fire equipment, and additional water lines with fire plugs and hose have been installed for fire protection.

A maternity barn 120 by 30 feet has been erected and equipped with 18 box stalls.

A fireproof warehouse 164 by 32 feet, divided into five compartments with platform, has been erected along our railroad siding and equipped with unloading facilities for the systematic storage and handling of bulky materials and supplies received in car load lots.

The much needed improved road from Franklin to the institution is now in course of construction, and we hope will be completed within the coming year.

The appropriations for an Isolation Hospital and

Nurses' Home were not drawn upon, as we were not able to obtain estimates for the construction of these much needed buildings within the amount of the appropriations.

Much has been done toward clearing, draining and fencing of land recently acquired—the planting of trees, vines and shrubs and the building and re-surfacing of roads. The yield from farm and garden has been most satisfactory and has been supplemented by the cottage gardens conducted by groups of boys and girls under the direction of their attendants.

We are fortunate in having a remarkable herd of Holstein cattle. From the original herd of 6 cows and 1 bull, which we acquired twenty-five years ago, our herd has grown until we now have 130 cows and 175 head of young stock, all registered, and the majority of our cows with Advanced Registry Official Records. The average daily production of milk during the past year was 3,308 pounds. Thirty-six cows each produced over 10,000 pounds in the year. Nineteen cows each produced over 500 pounds, seven each over 600 pounds and two each over 700 pounds in seven days. Three cows each produced over 31 pounds of butter in seven days. An abundance of wholesome milk is a wonderful aid in maintaining the health and vigor of our children.

OUR NEEDS

An Isolation Hospital for the care of Cases of Contagious Disease.

A Nurses' Home with Reading Room and a place for the entertainment of friends to provide a social center in pleasing surroundings under appropriate supervision. Such a building would do much to attract and hold the better type of institutional employees. Such a building is especially necessary in an institution located as we are in the country.

Farm Colonies—The old buildings upon the farms recently acquired should be repaired and improved to provide Farm Colonies for a number of groups of boys on the outlying farms. This would not only be good for the boys but would add to the efficiency of the farm, which could

be conducted far more efficiently if divided into sections than being operated from a single center as a unit.

Power House Equipment—We should have an additional 550 horse power boiler, coal crusher and additional coal storage. The entire existing battery of three boilers is kept in constant operation during the winter, leaving no reserve. An additional boiler is necessary to be held in reserve for use in case of accident or necessary repairs without interfering with the service. A coal crusher would make it possible to purchase run of mine coal. As we are now situated, we are forced to purchase either slack or coal already crushed. Our present coal storage is only sufficient for a few weeks' supply. We should have storage capacity to meet our requirements for at least two or three months.

The Medical Department is being ably conducted under the supervision of the Assistant Superintendent, Dr. B. A. Black.

The Educational Department is well organized and ably conducted under the supervision of the Principal, Miss May Bruce.

There have been few changes in the official personnel of the institution. Dr. James E. Dwyer, who served faithfully as Assistant Physician for a period of ten years, aside from the time he served in the army during the war, resigned to take up the private practice of his profession. The place made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Dwyer was filled by the appointment of Dr. Walter R. Livingston, who entered upon the duties of his position May 3, 1921, which position he is filling most acceptably.

We have the good fortune of having a most efficient group of officers, teachers, attendants and employees, thoroughly interested in the work of the institution and in bringing about the best results obtainable in the training, treatment and welfare of the children in their care. I cannot urge too strongly upon you the importance of giving them every consideration within your power. Their work is difficult. Our children are irresponsible and many are hard to manage, our standard of care is high. They have many provocations and much is expected of them

We owe them something more than gratitude and kind words.

I would be ungrateful and remiss did I not call to your attention the valuable services, cheerfully rendered by a large group of our boys and girls, who, although in need of our supervision and protection, are doing a large part of the actual work of the institution, in various household duties, in keeping things clean and in order and by work in the kitchens, laundry, on the farm and in the shops, and in helping to care for those less fortunate than themselves. For the comfort and happiness of these faithful aides we cannot be too considerate.

For the confidence which you have placed in me, for the kindness which has been shown to me and my associates, for your able judgment and action in dealing with the many problems which it has been my duty to place before you, I express grateful appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MURDOCH,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE STEWARD

PRODUCTION OF FARM AND GARDEN

Year Ended May 31, 1921

FARM

Article	Quantity	Wholesale Market Value
Stock Beets	335 bu.	\$ 167.50
Apples	225 bu.	112.50
Ensilage	800 tons	6,400.00
Grain:		
Sweet Corn	278 bu.	139.00
Oats	1,957 bu.	1,467.75
Wheat	455 bu.	568.75
Buckwheat	325 bu.	325.00
Rye	106 bu.	106.00
Field Corn	490 bu.	490.00
Green Forage	102 tons	816.00
Hay	282 tons	5,640.00
Hide		116.51
Meat:		
Beef	8,649 lbs.	1,038.88
Veal	1,159 lbs.	173.85
Mutton	79 lbs.	14.22
Milk, whole	359,445 qts.	28,756.40
Potatoes	970 bu.	970.00
Turnips	1,726 bu.	1,294.50
Straw	66 tons	792.00
Live Stock Sold		4,361.00
Miscellaneous Sales		24.50
Manure	800 tons	800.00
Wool	981 lbs.	490.50
		<hr/> \$ 55,064.86

GARDEN

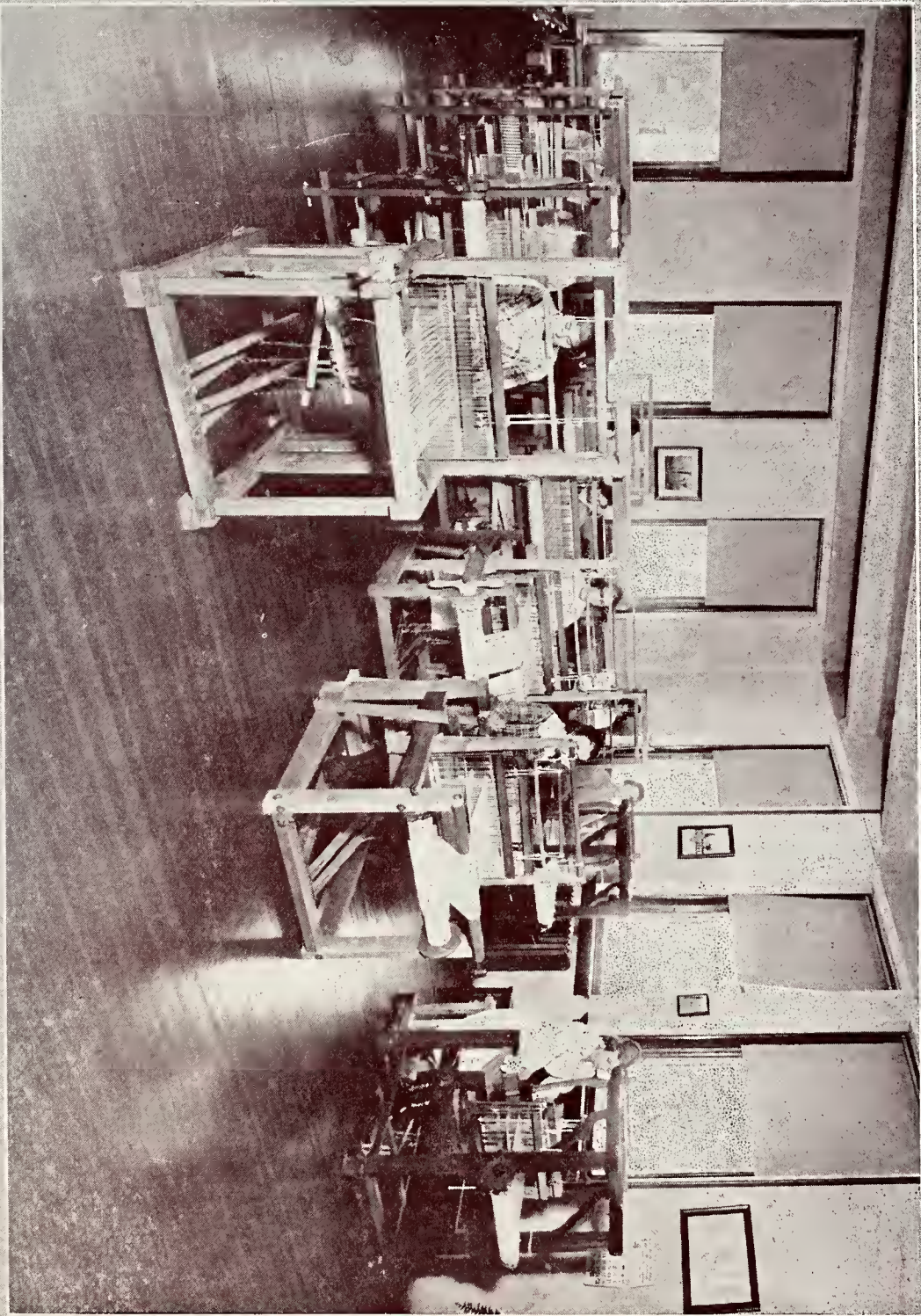
Beans, all kinds	753½ bu.	\$ 753.50
Beets	353 bu.	264.75
Cabbage	19,898 heads	1,391.86
Carrots	112¼ bu.	112.20
Celery	500 doz.	150.00
Corn, sweet	1,402 bu.	701.00
Cucumbers:		
hot house	99 lbs.	7.80
field grown	296½ bu.	220.37
Lettuce:		
hot house	99 lbs.	5.00
field grown	308 bu.	154.00
Onions:		
green	13,455 doz.	672.75
winter	438 bu.	876.00
Parsley	807 bunches	40.35
Parsnips	280 bu.	210.00
Peppers	115¾ bu.	86.82
Radishes	325 doz.	16.25

Peas	2461½ bu.	246.50	
Rhubarb	3,170 bunches	317.00	
Squash	355 count	28.40	
Tomatoes:			
hot house	38 lbs.	3.80	
field grown	2,146½ bu.	1,073.25	
Turnips	287 bu.	215.25	
Pumpkins	1,738 count	173.80	
Pop Corn	1,344 lbs.	77.28	
Spinach and Swiss Chard	1,676 bu.	838.00	
Egg Plant	381½ bu.	28.87	
Sauer Kraut	50 bbls.	750.00	
Horse Radish	92 lbs.	4.60	
Willow Cane		11.96	
		<hr/>	\$ 9,431.36
PIGGERY			
Hogs, dressed (217)	50,305 lbs.	\$ 6,545.75	
Stock sold		15.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 6,560.75
HENNERY			
Eggs	15,731 doz.	\$ 9,081.71	
Poultry—dressed	6,680 lbs.	2,338.00	
Stock and eggs sold		807.73	
Manure		75.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 12,302.44
TOTAL			\$ 83,359.40

INVENTORY OF LIVE STOCK

Year Ended May 31, 1921

		Value
Horses	23	
Mules	2	
Colts, 1 yr.	1	
Shetland Ponies	12	
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	38	\$ 4,385.00
Cattle:		
Cows	139	
Heifers	91	
Calves	37	
Herd Sires	2	
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	269	49,030.00
Sheep:		
Breeders	13	
Lambs	16	
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	29	194.00
Piggery:		
Brood Sows	35	
Boars	4	
Shoats	299	
Small Pigs	299	
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	533	8,935.00
Hennery:		
Hens	2,819	
Roosters	100	
Ducks	250	
Geese	3	
Pheasants	12	
Young Stock	6,757	
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	9,941	8,957.75
TOTAL		<hr/>
		\$ 71,501.75



WEAVING

REPORT OF THE STEWARD

PRODUCTION OF FARM AND 'GARDEN

Year Ended May 31, 1922.

FARM		Wholesale Market
Article	Quantity	Value
Stock Beets	461 bu.	\$ 230.00
Ensilage	820 tons	6,560.00
Grain:		
Buckwheat	250 bu.	380.00
Oats	2,234 bu.	1,005.30
Wheat	250 bu.	312.00
Green Forage	180 tons	1,440.00
Hay	274 tons	4,110.00
Hides—sales		79.03
Meat:		
Beef	6,230 lbs.	623.00
Veal	5,741 lbs.	861.15
Mutton	164 lbs.	24.60
Milk, whole	471,318 qts.	37,705.44
Potatoes	2,086 bu.	2,086.00
Turnips	679 bu.	608.00
Straw	35 tons	420.00
Live Stock—sales		3,350.00
Miscellaneous sales		12.00
Manure	300 tons	300.00
Wool—sales		53.95
		<hr/> \$ 60,160.47
GARDEN		
Beans, all kinds	1,145 bu.	\$ 858.75
Beets	454 bu.	340.50
Cauliflower	17½ bu.	13.12
Cabbage	31,209 head	2,184.56
Carrots	101½ bu.	101.50
Celery	456 doz.	114.00
Corn, sweet	1,790 bu.	995.00
Cucumbers	351 bu.	263.25
Lettuce	183 bu.	91.50
Onions, green	7,165 doz.	358.25
Onions, winter	207 bu.	414.00
Parsley	441 bu.	22.05
Parsnips	133 bu.	99.75
Peppers	399 bu.	299.25
Peas	142 bu.	142.00
Radishes	421 doz.	21.05
Rhubarb	1,057 doz.	105.70
Squash	497 count	39.76
Tomatoes	2,110 bu.	1,055.00
Pumpkins	687 count	102.05
Spinach and Swiss Chard ...	1,058 bu.	534.00
Egg Plant	29½ bu.	22.12
Sauer Kraut	50 bbls.	750.00
Horse Radish	200 lbs.	10.00
Willow Cane—sales		89.72
		<hr/> \$ 9,026.88

PIGGERY

Hogs, dressed	59,117 lbs.	\$ 7,094.04
Stock sold		15.00
		<hr/> \$ 7,109.04

HENNERY

Eggs	15,420 doz.	\$ 4,780.60
Poultry, dressed	8,170 lbs.	2,615.80
Stock and Eggs sold		317.43
Manure		75.00
		<hr/> \$ 7,788.83

\$ 84,085.22

INVENTORY OF LIVE STOCK

Year Ended May 31, 1922.

		Value
Horses	19	
Mules	2	
Colts, 1 yr.	1	
Shetland Ponies	12	
	<hr/> 34	\$ 3,510.00
Cattle:		
Cows	149	
Heifers	107	
Calves	37	
Herd Sires	3	
	<hr/> 269	\$ 46,555.00
Sheep:		
Breeders	18	
Lambs	17	
	<hr/> 35	212.00
Piggery:		
Brood Sows	35	
Boars	2	
Shoats	312	
Small Pigs	172	
	<hr/> 521	8,947.00
Hennery:		
Hens	3,100	
Roosters	29	
Ducks	535	
Geese	37	
Pheasants	37	
Young Stock	8,133	
	<hr/> 11,871	\$ 8,428.70
		<hr/> \$ 67,652.70

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. WEAVER,
Steward.

TABLE I.
General Information.

Date of opening	April 21, 1897
Value of Real Estate, including Buildings	\$1,702,147.37
Value of Personal Property	\$ 363,010.26
Total Valuation	\$2,065,157.63
Total acreage of Institution Property	2,014
Total acreage under cultivation	725

TABLE II.
Movement of Population.

	1920—1921			1921—1922		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Number at beginning of year	971	1029	2000	978	1022	2000
Admitted during the year	153	118	271	127	100	227
Total cared for during year	1124	1147	2271	1105	1122	2227
Discharged—improved	94	76	170	35	33	68
Discharged—unimproved	20	8	28	14	11	25
Died	32	41	73	44	32	76
Remaining at end of year	978	1022	2000	1012	1046	2058

TABLE III.
Number Admitted and Discharged During Each Year.

Year	Admitted		Cared For		Discharged							
					Improved		Unimproved		Died		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
1897	203	150	203	150	.....	2	.....	.....	1	1	1	3
1898	124	78	325	225	15	9	4	4	13	9	32	22
1899	86	57	379	260	15	9	.....	5	12	3	27	17
1900	86	65	448	308	28	9	4	3	20	11	52	23
1901	86	65	472	350	4	1	3	3	15	15	22	19
1902	78	67	529	398	32	10	5	3	16	16	53	29
1903	73	50	549	419	21	10	6	5	14	4	41	19
1904	107	70	615	470	26	15	.....	3	24	9	50	27
1905	118	56	683	409	13	6	1	1	27	16	41	21
1906	150	120	792	596	66	26	6	7	61	18	133	53
1907	131	64	791	608	43	22	13	1	27	20	83	49
1908	67	53	775	618	32	14	3	8	19	17	54	30
1909	81	67	803	644	7	1	9	15	23	14	39	33
1910	130	97	803	713	28	9	12	2	35	20	75	31
1911	132	116	948	800	67	25	10	12	41	33	118	70
1912	121	74	951	804	57	33	12	7	27	29	96	69
1913	111	75	966	810	63	27	4	7	40	17	107	51
1914	106	75	965	834	50	15	11	6	30	21	91	42
1915	83	53	957	845	35	24	3	7	28	19	66	50
1916	86	180	977	975	32	22	7	5	34	22	73	49
1917	141	139	1045	1065	56	32	9	19	35	29	100	80
1918	141	115	1086	1100	51	32	14	15	46	28	111	75
1919	165	117	1140	1142	64	43	15	13	99	48	178	104
1920	138	98	1100	1136	72	60	25	13	36	34	129	107
1921	153	118	1124	1147	94	76	20	8	32	41	146	125
1922	127	100	1105	1122	35	33	14	11	44	32	93	76
Totals	3024	2319			1006	565	210	183	795	526	2011	1274

TABLE IV.
Age of Those Admitted.

	1919—1920			1921—1922		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Under ten years	65	34	99	54	36	90
From 10 to 14	34	32	66	22	25	47
From 15 to 19	21	25	46	12	20	32
From 20 to 24	6	6	12	4	4	8
From 25 to 29	3	4	7	1	1	2
From 55 to 59					1	1
60 years and over				1		1
Total	129	101	230	94	87	181

TABLE V.
Number Employed in Industrial Branches.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Bake Shop	8	.....	8
Carpenter Shop	2	.....	2
Shoe Shop	8	.....	8
Tailor Shop	15	.....	15
Mattress and Broom Shop	8	.....	8
Weaving, etc.	6	7	13
Grading	22	.....	22
Farm and Garden	56	.....	56
Laundry	12	82	94
Domestic duties	228	420	648
Sewing Rooms	12	84	96
Painting	3	.....	3
Grounds	36	.....	36
Totals	416	593	1009

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Persons applying for admission of children will fill out and return certain blanks, copies of which will be forwarded to any address on application to the Superintendent.

It is in the early years of life that most can be done in the way of instructing or training the feeble-minded. The best age for beginning training is the child's *sixth year*.

The Institution is not intended for insane persons, no matter how mild the character of the insanity. Such persons will not be received. Only such as have been of feeble mind from infancy are eligible for admission.

Any suitable person may be admitted on terms to be determined according to the requirements of the case.

When parents are able they are required to meet the entire cost of care, training and treatment; and if unable to meet the entire cost, to pay such proportion thereof as the Trustees shall designate in accordance with the parents' financial ability, as determined by the county officials designated by law. (See Act 1893, P. L. 256, Sec. 16.)

No child will be refused admission on account of pecuniary inability.

WESTERN DISTRICT FOR THE CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED

In regard to the care of the feeble-minded, Pennsylvania is divided into Eastern and Western Districts. This Institution is for the *Western District*, which is composed of the following counties, viz.: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Bedford, Blair, Crawford, Clarion, Cambria, Clearfield, Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Erie, Elk, Fayette, Forest, Fulton, Huntingdon, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lawrence, Mercer, Mifflin, McKean, Potter, Somerset, Venango, Westmoreland, Washington and Warren.

SCHOOLS

The play instinct, as developed in the kindergarten, is the basis of all instruction given in the Institution. The kindergarten games and occupations lead up to the various branches of manual training. Aside from the class room instruction, the training consists of the more practical affairs of every day life, the cultivation of habits of cheerfulness, cleanliness and order.

The interest taken by the children in their school work and the progress made is highly satisfactory, demonstrating that a child who is mentally deficient or who is extremely nervous has a much better chance of improving when educated with those of similar mental caliber than when subjected to hopeless competition with normal children.

Special attention is given to nature study, the school room instruction being supplemented by excursions into the woods, where the children in company with their teachers collect specimens of minerals, plants and animals which are the subject of further investigation in the school room.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

In accordance with the Act creating the Institution, special attention is given to the care and raising of stock, the cultivation of plants and vegetables and the various branches of farming.

The industrial training of the children we consider of the greatest importance, realizing that it is only by directing the energies of the children in profitable channels that we can develop the best that is in them, bringing about the highest mental and physical development and increasing their fund of true happiness.

To enable a boy to see and feel that he can do some one thing well and that he is of some use in the world increases his self respect and goes far toward making a man of him.

The educational wood sloyd classes are of great value in the development of the children selected for this class of instruction.



PAVILIONS FOR CUSTODIAL GROUP

The work upon the farm is largely carried on by the boys. The result of their labors may be seen in the steward's report of produce from farm and garden.

Other groups are engaged in the tailor shop, the shoe shop, the carpenter shop, the mattress shop and the manual room with its various and ever-increasing occupations.

The girls have likewise been trained and developed in the sewing rooms, mending rooms, laundry, kitchen and general housekeeping.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Gymnastics, as given in the Institution, have a three-fold value—educational, corrective and hygienic.

The work in the gymnasium is facilitated by a complete equipment of apparatus, which allows of a great variety of exercises. In this work the pupils show a great deal of enthusiasm and interest. Many children not able to receive class room instruction receive gymnastic treatment. Some who are unable to join in class gymnastic exercises and simple games are given individual exercises, the gymnastics being supplemented by massage where indicated.

Measurements taken from time to time, testifying to the benefits derived from these exercises, are not the only results noted. As a result of carefully directed exercises there is often an awakening of the natural childish impulse to run, jump and play, which is in turn followed by mental awakening and development.

MUSIC

The band and orchestra, consisting of pupils of the school, contribute much to the enjoyment of all within the Institution.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Sabbath and Wednesday evening services are held throughout the year. A number of our larger children attend the services in the village churches.

RECREATION AND AMUSEMENTS

The lawns, groves and playgrounds are a never-ending pleasure to the little ones. During the summer and fall, picnics and fishing and nutting parties are of almost daily occurrence. Almost every boys' cottage has its baseball diamond. The custodial buildings are provided with recreation grounds, swings, slides, sand piles and a variety of playground apparatus.

Weekly dances for the children are held in the gymnasium, the music being provided by the Institution band and orchestra. Moving pictures are exhibited in the fine, large auditorium one or two nights every week. The auditorium is provided with a splendid pipe organ and concerts are here given by the school children, and during the winter a series of entertainments is given by outside talent. Musical and amateur theatrical performances are frequently given by amateur talent from the neighboring cities.

All of the holidays are appropriately observed.

"THE PINES"

Our camp, "The Pines," of simple frame buildings and tents, situated at the extreme northern limit of the Institution property, surrounded by a majestic forest and on the bank of North Sandy Creek, is to our children an inestimable source of pleasure.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES

Lectures on nursing, with special attention to the care of the feeble-minded, are delivered weekly by the medical staff, the lectures being supplemented by clinical instruction in the dispensary and hospital.

VISITING DAYS

Visitors are welcome at any time. Tuesdays and Thursdays are the most satisfactory days to visit the schools and industrial classes.

LOCATION

The Institution is located at Polk, Venango County, six miles west of Franklin, on the Franklin and Oil City branch of the New York Central Railway.

A bus line is in operation between the Institution and Franklin.

It may be reached from Pittsburgh over the Erie & Pittsburgh Division of the Pennsylvania, via Mahoningtown and Stoneboro.

Donations are gladly received, especially at the holiday season.

Contributions of books, magazines, toys, or cash, are especially appreciated.

All contributions should be addressed to State Institution, Polk, Pa.

ORGANIC LAW

SESSION OF 1893

To provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State Institution for the feeble-minded, to be called the Western Pennsylvania State Institution for the Feeble-Minded, and making an appropriation therefor.

Section 1—Be it enacted, etc., That the Governor shall appoint five commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, to select a site and build an institution for the accommodation of the feeble-minded children of Western Pennsylvania.

Sec. 2—Said commissioners shall select, within four months of the date of their appointment, a tract of land not less than five hundred or more than one thousand acres in extent, so located as to be most accessible by railroad facilities to the counties of Western Pennsylvania, to-wit:

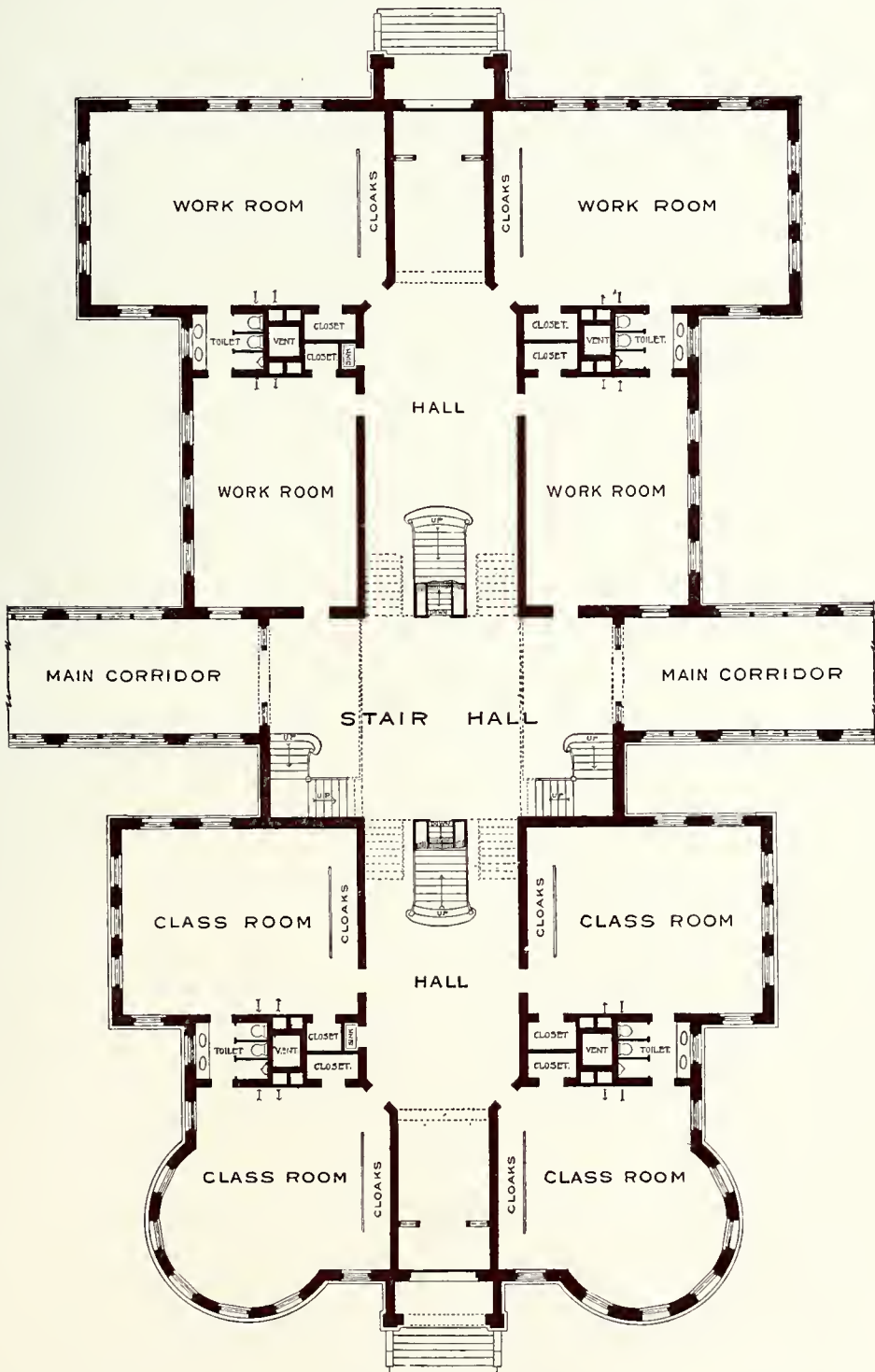
Sec. 3—The tract of land so selected shall be good arable land, well adapted to the preservation of the health and the occupation and maintenance of the inmates of said institution, with an adequate supply of good water, and natural facilities for drainage from the institution buildings, and the said tract of land so selected, and the cost thereof, shall be approved in writing by the Governor and the State Board of Public Charities before the purchase money shall be paid, and the deed for the same shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth, but nothing herein contained shall prevent said commissioners from receiving a deed to the Commonwealth in fee for any land donated for the purpose aforesaid.

Sec. 4—The plans for the said institution shall be prepared by said commissioners and approved by the State Board of Public Charities. The buildings shall be of the best design for the construction of such institution, and without expensive architectural adornments, or unduly large or costly administrative accommodations, and no change shall be made in said plans of construction without the consent of the State Board of Public Charities.

Sec. 5—The said commissioners shall, with the approval of the Governor and State Board of Public Charities, have power to select a superintendent of construction and fix the salary thereof, and of such other persons as they may think necessary to employ, in order to secure the proper economical construction of said buildings; provided, that the total cost of said buildings and grounds shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 6—To enable the commissioners to purchase the land and to erect said buildings, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated, to be drawn from the treasury as the same may be required on warrants drawn by the Auditor General in the usual manner, vouchers or statements to be furnished approved by the Secretary of the State Board of Public Charities before any warrant is issued.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS



FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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Sec. 7—The buildings shall be in two groups, one for the educational and industrial department, and one for the custodial or asylum department, with such other sub-divisions as will best classify and separate the many diverse forms of the infirmity to be treated, and shall embrace one or more school houses, a gymnasium and a drill hall, a work shop, and an isolating hospital, all on such scale as will create an institution to accommodate not less than eight hundred inmates or patients, planned and located for easy and natural additions as population demands.

Sec. 8—Said commissioners shall proceed to erect said buildings and complete the same within three years from the passage of this act; and shall make report to the State Board of Public Charities of the amount of money expended by them, and of the progress made in the erection of the buildings, semi-annually at least, and oftener if so required by the board.

Sec. 9—The said commissioners, upon the completion of the said institution, shall surrender their trust to a Board of Trustees, to consist of nine members, who shall serve without compensation, and be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Said trustees shall be a body politic or corporate of the name and style of the State Institution for Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania. They shall manage and direct the concerns of the institution, and make all necessary by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth. Of the trustees first appointed, three shall serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and at the expiration of the respective periods the vacancies shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for three years, as hereinbefore provided, and should any vacancy occur by death or resignation, or otherwise, of any trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment, as aforesaid, for the unexpired term of such manager.

Sec. 10—That this institution shall be entirely and specially devoted to the reception, detention, care and training of idiotic and feeble-minded children and shall be so planned in the beginning and construction as shall provide separate classification of the numerous groups embraced under the terms idiotic and imbecile or feeble-minded. Cases afflicted with either epilepsy or paralysis shall have a due proportion of space and care in the custodial department. It is specifically determined that the processes of an agricultural training shall be primarily considered in the educational department, and that the employment of the inmates in the care and raising of stock and the cultivation of small fruits, vegetables, roots, etc., shall be made largely tributary to the maintenance of the institution.

Sec. 11—There shall be received into the institution feeble-minded children under the age of twenty years, whose admission may be applied for as follows:

First—By the father, if the father and mother are living together.

Second—If the father and mother are not living together, then by one having custody of the child.

Third—By the guardian, duly appointed.

Fourth—By the superintendent of any county orphanage.

Fifth—By the person having the management of any other institution or asylum where children are cared for.

Under Items Three, Four and Five, consent of parents, if living, is not required.

All inmates are subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Trustees may adopt.

Sec. 12—The form of application for admission into the institution and the necessary checks to improper admission shall be such as the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the State Board of Charities, may prescribe and each application shall be accompanied by answers, under oath, to such interrogatories as the trustees shall by rule require to be propounded.

Sec. 13—Any parent or guardian who may wish to enter a child into said institution for treatment, culture or improvement, and pay all expenses of such care, may do so under terms, rules and regulations prescribed by the superintendent and approved by the trustees.

Sec. 14—Said board shall receive as inmates of said institution feeble-minded children, residents of this State, under the age of twenty years, who shall be incapable of receiving instruction in the common schools of this State. Said board shall prescribe and cause to be printed instructions and forms of application for the admission of such and shall include therein interrogatories to which they shall require answers under oath, showing such facts as may be needed for the information of said trustees. Such printed instructions and forms shall be furnished to all applicants for the admission of any person or patient in whole or in part as a State beneficiary, and shall be endorsed by the Board of Commissioners or Directors of the Poor of the county in which he or she resides at the time of the making of the application.

Sec. 15—Adults who may be determined to be feeble-minded, and who are of such inoffensive habits as to make them proper subjects for classification and discipline in an institution for the feeble-minded can be admitted on pursuing the same course of legal commitment as govern admission to the State Hospital for the Insane.

Sec. 16—The Board of Commissioners or Directors of the Poor of a county, in approving an application for the admission of a person to said institution, shall state whether or not such child has an estate of sufficient value, or a parent or parents of sufficient financial ability to defray the expense, in whole or in part, of supporting such child in said institution, and if there be such means of support, in part only, then the amount per month which the parents or parent or the legal guardian of such child may be able to pay, and the person or persons who make application for such admission shall therein make statement under oath as to such means of support. Said Board of Trustees in accepting an application for the admission of any person shall fix the amount, if any, which shall be paid for such support according to the ability of the parents or parent of the person or according to the value of such person's estate, if any, and shall require payment for such support, so far as there may be ability to pay, as a condition to the admission or retention of said person. Said amount may at any time be changed by said trustees, according to their information con-

cerning such means of support. Where the indigence of the child or its family be such as to require its admission upon the full beneficiary fund of the State, the ascertainment of the facts shall be as hereinbefore stated, and the support at the institution shall be provided for by annual appropriations at such per capita rates as shall be appropriated by the Legislature on the application of the trustees, after submission and approval of the same by the State Board of Public Charities.

Sec. 17—Said board shall have authority to receive for the use of said institution such gifts, legacies, devices and conveyances of property, real or personal, that may be made, given or granted to or for such institution or in its name or the name of said board.

Sec. 18—The said Board of Trustees shall appoint a skillful physician who shall be superintendent and shall be competent to oversee and direct the medical, hygienic, educational and industrial interests of the institution, and shall have charge and supervision of the entire institution, both professional and otherwise. He shall name for appointment such and so many assistants, attendants and employes as may be considered necessary by the said Board of Trustees, and, with the approval of the trustees, shall appoint a steward, who shall have charge, under the direction of such superintendent, of the employment of the inmates of said institution, and the purchase production and distribution of all supplies, under such rules and regulations as may be established by such trustees. The salaries of the superintendent, matrons, teachers, assistants and attendants of the institution shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 19—The said trustees shall make, under oath, by their president or treasurer, a quarterly report to the Auditor General of the State, and to the State Board of Public Charities, containing an itemized statement of the receipts from all sources and the expenses of the institution during the previous quarter, and unless such itemized report is made and approved by the State Board of Public Charities, Auditor General and State Treasurer, the State Treasurer is hereby directed not to pay any more money to said institution until such report is made as aforesaid.

Sec. 20—The Governor, Judges of the several Courts of the Commonwealth, members of the Legislature and the Board of Public Charities shall be ex-officio visitors of said institution.

Approved—The Third Day of June, A. D. 1893.

ROBERT E. PATTISON.

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